



December 1

 **Milam Park Christmas Tree Lighting**, 500 W. Commerce. 5 p.m., entertainment and Santa; 6:30 p.m. tree lighting. Sponsored by H.E.B. 207-3025.


 **Downtown Holiday Apartment Tour**. Guided walking tour of downtown living spaces. Benefits the Hertzberg Circus Museum. Admission. 225-4728.




December 1-3

 **14th Annual Hecho a Mano/Made by Hand**. Buy your holiday gifts at this fine arts and fine crafts market. Guadalupe Theater. Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. Admission. Free on Sunday. 271-3151 or 351-7787.


December 1-3 and 7-10

 **Las Nuevas Tamaras**. A comedy about three Latinas who attempt to make tamales for the first time. Shows Friday and Saturday at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Jump Start Theater, Building B, Blue Star Arts Complex. Admission. 223-2009.

December 1-15

 **Holiday Music Festival**. Local choirs, bands and other musical groups entertain airport patrons. Each group performs one hour from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily in Terminals 1 and 2 by the security checkpoints at the San Antonio International Airport. Free. 207-3845.

December 1-16

 **1000 Toys for Girls and Boys Collection**. Your chance to give gifts to children who may not otherwise receive a visit from Santa. To donate contact Sonny Saenz at the Frank Garrett Center, 737-0051.



Great Minds Teen Programs

Learn how to market yourself to colleges and universities! University Outreach walks you step-by-step through the *State of Texas Common Application for Freshman Admission to Texas Public Universities*. Free; registration required.

December 4, 4:30 p.m.

Bazan Branch Library
2200 W. Commerce; 225-1614

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Johnston Branch Library
6307 Sun Valley; 674-8410

December 6, 6:30 p.m.

Cortez Branch Library
2803 Hunter; 922-7372


December 12, 6:00 p.m.

Carver Branch Library
3350 E.Commerce; 225-7801


December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Pan American Branch Library

December 1-17

 **Pepsi Holiday Boat Caroling**. More than 175 joyous caroling groups fill the River Walk with holiday tunes. 227-4262

December 1-3, 7-9 and 15-17


 **Rivercenter Christmas Pageant**. A 40-minute San Antonio-style production of the living nativity unfolds on river barges and the Rivercenter Mall Lagoon. Admission. 225-0000.

City of San Antonio Calendar




City Mission: We deliver quality services and commit to achieve San Antonio's vision of prosperity for our diverse, vibrant and historic community.

December 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17


 **Fiesta de las Luminarias**. More than 2,500 luminarias line the walkways to symbolically mark the "lighting of the way" for the Holy Family along the River Walk. 227-4262.

December 2


 **Blue Santa Parade** through the Las Palmas neighborhood featuring Blue Santa landing via an SAPD chopper in the Las Palmas Shopping Center parking lot. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. 434-3883

King William Holiday


Home Tour. Tours of restored Victorian homes and lectures on local history. King William Historic District. Lectures at noon and home tours at 1:00 p.m. Admission. 227-8786

 **Christmas Along the Corridor Grande Finale**. More than 100 Pony Express Christmas couriers will ride 90 miles and gallop up the parade field with Governor's Christmas greeting. Fort Sam Houston. Free. 362-5200


December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 and 30-31

 **Fiestas Navideñas**. Folkloric dancers, mariachi groups and more. Market Square, weather permitting. Free. 207-8600


December 3

 **Annual Christmas Open House and Bazaar**. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Commander's House, 647 S. Main. Each room depicts a theme from previous Christmas holidays at the center. Musical entertainment throughout the day. Free. 224-1684.


December 3, 10, 17 and 23


 **San Antonio Dickens Carolers** in full Charles Dickens costumes stroll and sing Christmas carols in the downtown area 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. beginning at the Alamo Plaza Gazebo. Free. 534-5765.

December 5


 **Boys Choir of Harlem** presents a repertoire of classical and modern music, popular songs, spirituals, gospel and jazz highlighted by choreography and an unerring sense of showmanship. Admission. Lila Cockrell Theatre. 207-2234.

December 9


 **Second Saturday Program** at Eisenhower Park, 19399 NW Military Highway. 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Topic: "Animal Signs," including scat tracks, feathers, nests and scrape. \$2 donation; reservations required. 698-1057.


 **Annual Blessing of the Animals** Market Square. 2:00 p.m. Bring your pets for this annual blessing celebrating the animals of the first nativity. 207-8600.

December 9 and 10


 **Annual Celebration of Christmas**. Guadalupe Theatre featuring students of the Guadalupe Cultural Art Center's Dance Academy. A heart-warming way to ring in the holiday season. 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 9; 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 10. Admission. 271-3151.

December 10


 **Christmas Concert** featuring the Incarnate Word High School Madrigals at 2:00 p.m. Ukulele Group will play at 3:00 p.m. Lion's Field Adult and Senior Citizens Center, 2809 Broadway. 826-9041.

 **Las Posadas**. Reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter. Candle-lit procession with traditional Posada songs. River Walk level of La Mansion del Rio to Arneson River Theatre. Followed by a piñata party and hot chocolate in La Villita. Free. 224-6163.


December 11

 **Public Forum on the Expansion of the River Overlay Zone** and Proposed Design Guidelines. Central Library Auditorium, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and repeated at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 207-8316.

December 11-13


 **Christmas Luncheons** at Commander's House, 647 S. Main. Home cooked meals for seniors. Live music by the Recording Ind. Music Trust Fund. Reservations required. \$3. 224-1684.

December 14

 **Therapeutic Recreation Program Christmas Party and Dance**. Harlandale Community Center, 300 Sussex. 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 207-3048.


For calendar information, call Bertha Lopez, Community Relations Office, 207-7235.

December 16-17

 **Holiday Saxophones**. This local holiday tradition features the hottest players to perform holiday and jazz favorites. This event has played to sold-out houses every year since 1983. 8:00 p.m. Guadalupe Theatre. Admission. 271-3171.



December 17

 **La Gran Posada**. A reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter begins in Milam Park at 6:30 p.m., moves into Market Square, making several stops and ends at San Fernando Cathedral. Free. 207-8600.

December 22


 **Happy Hanukkah!**




December 25

 **Merry Christmas!**

December 27 and 28

 **Magic Workshops** presented by Craig Martin. 1:00 p.m. both days. Hertzberg Circus Museum, 210 W. Market. New magic taught at each session. Fun for the whole family! \$5 per person per session includes Museum admission. 207-7819.


December 30

 **Los Pastores**. Spanish pastorela depicting the conflict between good and evil. Grounds of San Jose Mission. Free. 224-6163.


Sylvania Alamo Bowl.

Post-season college football game featuring teams from the Big Ten and Big 12 conferences. Alamodome. Admission. 226-2695.

December 31

 **Deadline to enter Young Pegasus Poetry Contest**. 2001 is the 75th anniversary of the Young Pegasus Poetry Contest for young people up to age 18. Winning poems will be published in a special 75th Anniversary Anthology and read at a Young Pegasus Poets recognition ceremony. Poems may be mailed or dropped off at any library location. Entries mailed must be postmarked by midnight, Dec. 31. For contest rules, call 207-2516 or visit your branch library.



 **Celebrate San Antonio**. New Year's Eve celebration with fireworks display at midnight. S. Alamo St. between Market and Durango and all of La Villita. Live music on six stages. More than 40 food and beverage booths. 207-3025.

Spurs Basketball

December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Spurs vs. Knicks

December 9, 7:30 p.m.

Spurs vs. Bulls

December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Spurs vs. Nuggets

December 16, 7:30 p.m.

Spurs vs. Suns

December 20, 7:30 p.m.

Spurs vs. Cavaliers

December 22, 7:30 p.m.

Spurs vs. Warriors

December 26, 7:00 p.m.

Spurs vs. Rockets

All games at the Alamodome.

